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YAHOO PROBLEMS. If not already doing so, please use my address wghauser@hotmail.com rather than wghauser@yahoo.com (gh)

** AFGHANISTAN. It has been reported that well-known DXer Peter, ON6TT, is back in Kabul. He is there setting up U.N communications for the U.N. personnel. Knowing Peter, we are sure he will try to receive permission to operate from this country (KB8NW/OPDX Nov 26/BARF-80 via John Norfolk, OKCOK, DXLD)

KABUL, Afghanistan - For five years of Taliban rule, Mohammad Yaseen lived a life of danger in this city, risking imprisonment or worse while performing activities outlawed by the fundamentalist Islamic regime.... [repairing TVs] Read the full story at the address below:
http://dailynews.philly.com/content/daily_news/2001/11/23/national/AFTV23W.htm
This Story has been sent to you by : (L Johnson, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AFGHANISTAN [non]. Ouvida hoje, 25 de Novembro de 2001: 9950 kHz - Radio Voice of Afghanistan, local do transmissor UNID. Inicio às 1125 com apitos e às 1130 OM em pashto, ID, breve canto religioso, música e muitas menções do Taleban (atenção, essa é uma emissora Anti Taleban). SINPO 35444 (Marcelo Tonello, Greenvale, NY, NRD 345 + MFJ 959B Longwire 25 metros, radioescutas via DXLD)

1130??? Did you slip into Hora de Brasília instead of UT, even tho

you are in NY? (gh)

Hi Glenn. Thanks for your message. There was a mistake in my log as the correct is 13:30 UTC and I didn't mean Brasilia time (11:30)...it was just a coincidence. I read every DX LISTENING GUIDE you send to the list because I consider it my main source of information DX along Cumbre DX and DXCB list. You are doing a great job (Marcelo Toniolo, NY, Nov 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And the following, is it really in CET? (gh, DXLD)

9950 1430 25/11 Voce dell'Afghanistan Start Bc, Ids, news, music, talks about the radio. Strong signal over S 9 with little fading. I used 6,2 khz filter 73 (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano - Italia, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Regarding the 9950 observations around 1545: This was certainly Radio Kairo. I tuned in at 1615 and found their scheduled broadcast (should be Albanian) in progress, strong carrier but very low modulation, especially worse on speech. Such poor audio level adjustments are typical for Radio Kairo, so it was certainly Kairo on early that Tom heard (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Nov 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Voice of Afghanistan was noted with fair-to-poor signals on 11/25, heard on 9950 at 1332 with Koran readings. My guess is that the signal is coming from a site in Central Asia, maybe in the CIS (Joe Hanlon in Philadelphia, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Still hearing 8700 at nights from around 1330...propagation.....faint from 1230 UT (John Wright, Australia, Nov 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELGIUM. I find it strange that any country claiming to be free (Belgium!) would have a law making voting compulsory. Thank you, RVi, for informing me of this! And for giving me the opportunity to irritate the Belgians I come across on Usenet with my knowledge of their country. :-) (Ted Schuerzinger, who actually had a letter mentioned on RVi today, swprograms Nov 25 via DXLD)

** CHINA. (re DXLD 1-180) At 2155 on 11/24 I heard CNR-1 with smooth jazz music, followed by presumed ads in Chinese, on 11870, 12030, and 15355; very good signals here (Joe Hanlon in Philadelphia, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Nesta segunda-feira (26/11) estar· viajando a China, onde passar· 10 dias com tudo pago pela CRI, o amigo e s·cio do SRDXC, Henrique Jos· Dantas Felinto (Natal/RN). Al·m dele, mais 7 ouvintes de v·rias partes do mundo foram sorteados no ·ltimo concurso da R·dio Internacional da China, cujo resultado foi divulgado no ·ltimo dia

23/11 e j. est. no site do SRDXC. Aqui de p'blico, queremos dar os nossos parabÈns ao Henrique JosÈ, que j. havia ganho prÊMio da Voz do Ir,, e da R·dio Havana Cuba e agora ir. representar os ouvintes brasileiros da R·dio Internacional da China nas comemoraÁies dos 60 anos de Radiodifus,,o da China ao exterior. Que tenha uma boa viagem e agradecemos pela sua comunicaÁ,,o enviada por e-mail neste domingo. AbraÁos (Jailton C. Amaral, Presidente, Santa Rita DX Clube, ParaÍba, Brasil, ConexiÕn Digital Nov 25 via DXLD)

** DUCIE ISLAND/PITCAIRN ISLAND. DUCIE DXPEDITION CANCELED

On late Monday, November 19th, the DXpedition team turned back to Pitcairn due to the stormy weather conditions. Between the rough seas and having to shut down the diesel engines to clean the fuel filter every few hours, it was just too risky to attempt a landing. As they were heading back to Pitcairn, the team began making plans to operate in the upcoming CQWW Contest from Pitcairn. According to pilot station Dr. Bill, N6GNX, the team made it back OK to Pitcairn, however, once on the island the PIARA Ducie Island team decided not to operate during the CQWW weekend from Pitcairn. The reason given was that a diesel problem necessitated a dozen stops to clean the fuel filter just on the trip back to Pitcairn alone, and it was decided that it would be prudent to head back to the Gambier Island earlier (0100z) November 22nd. Before leaving, Kan, JA1BK, donated all the antennas and masts and 2 generators to the Pitcairn Island Amateur Radio Association (PIARA) for a future DXpedition. INTEREST NOTE: While on the island, Mike/K9AJ and Vince/K5VT who are both medical doctors, made themselves available to several patients as the number of doctors on Pitcairn just went from zero to two! For more details/information on this operation, check the Web page: <http://www.qsl.net/wd4ngb/ducie.htm> (KB8NW/OPDX Nov 26/BARF-80 via John Norfolk, OKCOK, DXLD)

** ECUADOR. Listeners have reported a hum on HCJB's 15115 transmitter, and our engineers have been working on the problem for quite some time. Steve Sutherland at Pifo tells me it seems fine now. Listeners' reports on this are welcome to dxpl@hcjb.org.ec (Allen Graham, HCJB DX Partyline Nov 25 via DXLD)

15115 now mornings only until 1430, and the problem was worst in the evenings. Is this the same transmitter now on 11840, and did it have a hum too? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA [non]. CLANDESTINE? from? to ? 21550 "Malayan Voice"

Trying to follow up on Graham Powell's great report of this unID, I realized that I was going to have a heck of a time hearing this in Florida at 1330 with co-channel Christian Voice on the frequency.

So I went to Graham's excellent <http://www.21mhz.com> site and with some help from Graham I was able to listen to his files there. The English ID wasn't a help at first, but the Arabic one was.

The station ID is Voice of the Horn [Sowt al-Qarn]. The English ID to me sounds like "This is Malahi Voice." I suspect that "Malahi" or "Malayan" or whatever it is might be the Tigrina word for "horn."

I found a website with information on the station in Arabic and English:

http://www.voice-of-eritrea.com/Newsletter/voe_newsletter12112001.htm
The schedule in Arabic says that they are a new operation using 21550 daily from 1520 to 1720 GMT [sic, actually noted 1330-1430 UTC. Hans] They are referred to on this page as Radio Horn [Itha' al-Qarn]. It looks like they came on in early November as a story from November 5th makes has no mention of the station while the above story from the 12th does.

Voice of Eritrea is a weekly newsletter that is connected to the station. That's where the voiceoferitrea@aol.com address comes in. In Graham's last cut, the announcer says in Arabic, our newspaper at . . . voiceoferitrea@americaonline.com [One can also find it as on the linked page in the next paragraph.]

Articles from Voice of Eritrea are listed at:

<http://www.biddho.de/portal/categories.php?op=newindex&catid=6>
There sure seem to be a lot of interviews with Eritrean government officials done by this newspaper. This is hardly the mark of a station run by an opposition group as most clandestines are. The Voice of Eritrea's tone is anti-Ethiopian government and seemingly anti-Eritrean government opposition groups, going as far as referring to some of them as "discredited outfits."

Perhaps this is a station run by the Eritrean government or pro-Eritrean government elements using the VoE newsletter as a cover. Time will tell.

As far as to where this is coming from, I would say Germany or CIS. DTK really seems to be airing a lot of the stuff going to the Horn of Africa these days and 21550 kHz is used by an anti-Ethiopian government program broadcast by DTK. We'll be able to narrow it down quite a bit once someone hears them prior to sign on (Hans Johnson, FL, Nov 25, Cumbre DX Special via DXLD)

I have uploaded some more audio files of this to the site. Whereas the broadcasts on the 22nd & 23rd were mainly music & occasional IDs, yesterday's (24th) broadcast at 1330-1430 UT & today's (25th) at

1332-1430 UT both contained long speeches by a YL in Arabic. Also whereas previously there was an OM giving the email address, today it was given by the YL in a section of Arabic talk (This is one of the new recordings) 73's (Graham Powell, Wales, Nov 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE. Re unID 4866: Hi! this voice-mirror (Months, Weekdays) is from the French Air Force; sorry these vm's don't give the exact station (as the vvv-tapes in CW) So it could be FDC (Metz), FDY (Orleans), FDG (Bordeaux), FDI22 (Narbonne), FDI8 (Nice), but it's a station from this network for sure 73, (Tom - DL8AAM, Nov 25, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** FRANCE. R France Internationale Coverage Maps for Dec 2001 Available I have made a set of propagation forecasts for the English broadcasts of RFI in December 2001 at:
<http://www.uwasa.fi/~jpe/rfi/dec01/>
DISCLAIMER: These forecasts are my personal view only, based on a statistical assessment of their ITU requirement files. No guarantees whatsoever for suitability for any purpose. 73s (Jari Perkiomäki, Vaasa, Finland, jpe@uwasa.fi Nov 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Jari, Since we poor North Americans have no choice but to go after back-radiation to hear some stations in English, notably RFI, it would be helpful to see back-radiation maps also toward North America --- if you could compute any color on them at all. 73, Glenn Hauser

** INDIA. Dear Duane [Fischer], With reference to your enquiry about sending reports to AIR, my suggestions are as follows:

Reports may be sent to AIR like to any other station. However the following points may be noted.

1. Address your report to the Station Engineer to the respective station.
2. Write timings in Indian Standard Time (IST) also which is UTC+5.30
3. Instead of SINPO numbers write briefly in words reception quality.
4. Better report on local programs rather than on relays of Delhi.
5. No return postage is needed.
6. Reports are to be written in English.
7. Reply rates vary from station to station and even from listener to listener. Good Luck! ===== 73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, dx_india via DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM [if not WATERS]. Hi Glenn, To many Anoraks in the UK and the rest of Europe this is the ultimate radio station since its offshore beginnings in 1964. Any chance of you plugging their satellite frequency:

For the U.S.A., Mexico, Caribbean, Hawaii: Satcom C3, 131.0 West,
Channel 24, 4.180 GHz Horizontal, audio subcarrier 7.74

Programme details on the websites
<http://www.radiocaroline.co.uk/>
<http://www.carolinesouth.com/index.htm>
<http://www.radiocaroline.de/>
<http://www.radio-caroline.nl/>

The Radio Caroline Mailinglist on the web:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RadioCarolineMailinglist>
Thanks (Mike Terry, UK, Nov 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL WATERS [and non] / ISRAEL.
DX Information from the British DX Club (BDXC-UK).

Former PM calls for legalisation of offshore station...
News from the only remaining country to have offshore radio.
<http://www.offshore-radio.de/Israel.htm> and <http://www.offshore-radio.de/>

Tuesday November 20th 2001 --- Hi Radio Friends !!

Nothing new here at the moment; I am waiting for the Harry de Winter group to do its research to see if it is viable to start a peace station off (or on) the coast of Israel. This seems to be taking time, with all aspects being looked in to. When I have any concrete news, I'll be in touch.

Meanwhile, this was published in Arutz 7's daily news update yesterday:

The Media Criticism Prize, granted by Israel Media Watch, was awarded last night in Jerusalem to journalists Amnon Lord and Amnon Dankner. Former Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who addressed the gathering, called for the opening of a free media market in Israel, and to allow stations such as Arutz-7 to broadcast freely. A Knesset law of February 1999 formally licensed Arutz-7, but it was frozen by the Supreme Court following appeals by Labor MK Eitan Cabel and Meretz MKs Yossi Sarid and Chaim Oron...

INTRODUCTION (from <http://www.offshore-radio.de/Israel.htm>)

When one thinks of the words "offshore radio", I wouldn't blame you if you thought of "Caroline" or "London ", "Veronica" or "RNI". But from "Somewhere in the Mediterranean" eight offshore radio and T.V. stations played their part in offshore radio history.

It seems each country had their own time span in history. Scandinavia

from 1958 to 1962, England from 1964 to 1968, Holland from 1970 to 1974 and Israel from 1973 until today. I am of course not forgetting Radio Veronica, which started broadcasting in 1960, and Laser in 1985, plus Caroline's various times on air until 1991 when the ship finally gave into the elements and had to come into port.

From 1960 until today, there have been various other offshore radio and T.V. stations all over the world, like Radio Uilenspiegel, anchored off Belgium in the early 1960's, and of course Radio Hauraki which had a tremendous effect on broadcasting in New Zealand.

I strongly recommend that you purchase a copy of Jim Parkes' excellent "Encyclopedia of Offshore Radio"(now released as part of the CD-Rom "Offshore Multimedia") to get the FULL picture of offshore radio through the ages until today.

But I am going to concentrate on offshore radio in Israel, and the eight radio and T.V. stations which have graced these shores since 1973 until this very day.

Let me explain one interesting fact here: EVERY offshore station that has broadcast off the coast of Israel has ALWAYS broadcast WITHIN Israel's territorial waters. This has been to the silent agreement of the government, Defence Ministry and the Ministry of Communications. This was necessary because of Israel's security needs. The Israeli navy has/had to know where every Israeli vessel is anchored, so if any terrorist vessel approaches, they will know about it. The offshore stations (and there have been eight of them!), were in fixed positions, and the Israeli navy knew exactly where they were.

Today Israel is the only country in the world to still have an offshore radio station. Arutz Sheva continues to broadcast from off the coast of Tel-Aviv, despite threats to close them down every now and again from opposition Knesset members.

Rumours come and go as landbased stations who have been raided a few times by the authorities, promise to go offshore. But usually none of these promises come good. This HAS happened a few times though, with Galei Hayam Hatichon (Mediterranean Waves), and Arutz 2000 being prime examples.

Several of the former offshore DJ's are now prominent on Israel's legal stations, and Israel, along with Holland (Veronica) and New Zealand, (Hauraki) recognized one of the offshore radio stations popularity, and legalized one of the most popular of the stations - Radio One in Haifa. One of the lesser known stations, it was, and is, very popular in the Haifa area, and showed the way to local commercial broadcasting today. Today, Radio One is known as Radio

Haifa, and broadcasts on the same frequency as they did in their offshore days - 107.5 FM.

Israel is in the middle of a communications revolution at the moment. Israel only got T.V. in 1967, and the first legal pop radio station in 1976. Local (legal) commercial radio only started here in 1995, and there is no doubt in anyone's mind that the offshore radio stations, past and present, had a big influence on the way Israeli radio is today.

Before I start, I must give a big thank you to two people. First of all to Dr. Martin van der Ven for giving me the space on his wonderful site to spread the word of Israeli offshore radio, and to Jim Parkes from where I got a lot of information about the Voice of Peace (and other stations) that I did not know before. And my credits go to Chris Edwards and the Offshore Echo's Magazine where lots of valuable infos are originating from.

I am going to give you a short history of each station that has anchored off the Israeli coast, with frequencies, boat names and anchor positions. Also some interesting stories that happened (I don't know of an offshore station to date that has had a "normal existence"). More at <http://www.offshore-radio.de/Israel.htm> (via Mike Terry, Nov 25, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. Ed, 4L4FN, continues to be active as P5/4L4FN. The frequencies (14205 and 28575) and times (1400-1500 and 2200-2400z) remain the same. The West Coast and Mid-West stateside stations seem to have a better chance to work ED, while East Coast and Central stations can barely hear him (KB8NW/OPDX Nov 26/BARF-80 via John Norfolk, OKCOK, DXLD)

** MEXICO. 4861, XERTA Radio Transcontinental de America. ...sta fue la última frecuencia en la cual fue reportada. El día 11 de noviembre transmitió en la frecuencia de 4775, el día 12 por 4760, el 13 por 4775, el 14 y el 15 por 4782, el 17 por 4900 y el 18 de noviembre por 4852 (hasta las 19:00 UTC) para luego cambiar a 4861 (Héctor García Bojorge, México, Conexión Digital Nov 25 via DXLD)

** MEXICO. Firma Radio Educación acuerdo con la BBC de Londres (CNI en Línea). Como resultado de la firma de un convenio con la BBC de Londres, la emisora mexicana Radio Educación ampliar su barra de programas de noticias, culturales y científicas con producciones en español de la cadena británica.

El convenio fue firmado por la presidenta del Consejo Nacional para la Cultura y las Artes, Sari Bermúdez; Clara Izurieta, gerente de Desarrollo de Negocios para América Latina de la BBC y Simón Milner,

director adjunto del Consejo Británico.

Este acuerdo con la BBC, que durará un año, se suma al que la emisora mexicana estableció con Radio Francia Internacional, su objetivo primordial es reforzar su barra internacional, pues la empresa inglesa llega cada semana con sus programas radiofónicos a 153 millones de oyentes en 43 idiomas (EPG-Redacción, Nov 21, vía Héctor García Bojorge, México vía Conexión Digital vía DXLD)

Muy bien... pero no es un avance, que la emisora antes producía más programación original (Guillermo G. Hauser, COMPENDIO DE ESCUCHAS DX)

** SUDAN. Dear DX friends, First, I'd like to say "GOOD HOLY RAMADAN" to all brother Muslims in this club. Here is my reception log for Radio Omdurman, Sudan: -7200 KHz, R. Omdurman, from the Omdurman station, with a power of 100 Kw. At 0200 UTC in Arabic. SINPO: 44544. Programme content: The Holy QURAN. 73's. DXing from Sfax, Tunisia, (ACHRAF CHAABANE N 92 CP3032 Sfax Tunisia, Nov 25, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

** THAILAND. Subject: APwo 11/05 0844 WEEKLY RADIO ADDRESS: PM grabs people's ear, NATION

Thaksin makes optimum use of opportunity to guide public opinion

When Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra speaks to his fellow Thais every Saturday morning, he is definitely heard.

After 28 weeks on the air, his advisers have declared the "Prime Minister Thaksin Talks to People" program a success. At least 385 radio stations now broadcast Thaksin's views from 8am to 8.30am each Saturday [0100-0130 UT]. Other media such as television and newsprint also seem to be listening and regularly play up issues discussed by the premier, whether they play into his hands or not.

The choice of time slot seems to be perfect for setting the tone for the coming week. Wherever he may be --- in Bangkok or away in Chiang Mai or even in Shanghai --- Thaksin phones in to inform the people directly of what is going on in the country and around the world. This is the first time in Thai history that a prime minister has had a radio program specifically for him --- another example of the Thai Rak Thai party's "think-new, act-new" policy in action, says an adviser to Thaksin.

"Previous administrations often said that the people should know what the government knew. And we thought this was a very good idea," said Phoomchai Vej Jayachai.

He said the weekly radio program allowed Thaksin to communicate directly with the people, without any form of censorship. The concept is simple: Thaksin chats casually about domestic and global events of the week. Government policies and performance are discussed, but not as a direct official report of achievements. The premier may put on a straight reporting style, go on the defensive or offensive, be sarcastic or ironical. He pleads for public support and understanding. He raises global topics such as the terrorist attacks in the United States. Program host Praphan Hiranyapruk opens the radio program but never knows beforehand what Thaksin plans to speak about and is not supposed either to question or raise points during the show.

Behinds the scenes, a team of government spokesmen serve as the show's editorial staff. The team monitors incidents during the week and selects interesting items. The number of issues brought up is not fixed, ranging between 10 and 30 stories according to the situation each week.

The administration plans four or five topics that will steer the direction of news interest, according to an informed source. Thaksin occasionally announces new policies, such as the construction of roads to boost employment, which sometimes backfires by stirring heated debate. Thaksin always chooses to act first rather than have his hand forced. He doesn't mind if his initiatives sometimes backfire because in most cases they are successful. In "Prime Minister Thaksin Talks to People" he is able to direct people's attention and opinions, even though he may occasionally draw criticism.

Thaksin prefers to change the situation rather than being forced to change by it. He is not pleased if the ploys initiated by him sometimes do not go as planned. In any case, it shows that the incumbent administration has a well-organized management and that its leader will not allow himself to be put on the defensive. The moral of the story is that the winner is the person who controls the game.

Saturday morning appears to be the right time to set news direction of the next week and that is the reason why Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra addresses to the nation via a radio program at that particular time every week.

"Previous administrations had often said people knew what government knew. And we think this is a very good idea (so we have initiated the radio program for the premier)," Thaksin's advisor Phoomchai Vej Jayachai said.

He explained that the radio program allowed Thaksin to communicate to

people directly without any forms of censors. After 28 weeks in practice, Phoomchai did not hesitate to call the radio broadcast a success. At least 385 radio stations rushed in to put the radio broadcast by Thaksin on air from 8.00 am to 8.30 am every Saturday.

Other media channels from television stations to newspapers have also jumped in to play up issues discussed by the premier regardless of whether they would play into the premier's hands.

The concept of "Prime Minister Thaksin Talks to People" radio program is simple --- Thaksin just casually tells the people of what happened in the week. Government policies and performances are discussed but it was not the direct official report of the government's achievements. The premier can take on reporting style, can be on defensive, can be sarcastic and be ironical. He also pleads for public support and understanding. He also brings the world situations such as terrorist attacks in the United States as topics. Program host Praphan Hiranyapruk just opened the radio program but he has never known beforehand what Thaksin planned to talk about and he had no duty either to question or remind something.

Behinds the scene, government spokesman's team has served as editorial staff for the "Prime Minister Thaksin Talks to People" program. The team monitored daily incidents of the whole week and picked up only some interesting issues.

The number of issues brought up is not specific for it ranged from 10 to 30 stories according to the situation of each week.

An informed source said the administration planned between four of five topics to steer the news direction. From times to times, Thaksin will bring up new issues such as the construction of new roads to boost job opportunities.

But the new topics sometimes backfired as they prompted heated debates after. However, "Prime Minister Thaksin Talks to People" radio program showed that the incumbent administration had systematic management and that Thaksin would not allow him to be on defensive.

Thaksin will choose to change the situation rather than being forced to change by the situations. He is not encouraged if the games initiated by him sometimes backfired. The moral of the story is the winner is the person controls the game.

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** TIBET [and non]. Subject : CHINA monitoring results 3900-5500 kHz

This is a working list of radio stations from China that I heard during the last week. As you perhaps know there was a number of changes, new transmitters etc. Maybe the list could serve anybody who would like to monitor China from a closer site (Bob Padula? - he published an excellent list earlier this year) than from here in the middle of Europe.

Strongest signals at my place:

4500 (REACTIVATED), 4800 (NEW), 4905 (NEW), 4920 (NEW), 4980, 5060, 5240 kHz. All are surely located in western areas of China (Tibet, Xinjiang), especially Tibet area seems to be fortified by new transmitters on 4905 and 4920 kHz (Tibetan program) and maybe also on 4800 kHz (CNR 1).

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C H I N A 3900-5500 kHz

Radio stations heard in the Czech Republic (central Europe), November 17-24, 2001 Compiled by Karel Honzik - All times in UTC

3900.0 Fuzhou? (*2055-2300*) h 2230 Chinese
4190.0 CNR 4 Beijing (/2130 Kor) h 2110
4460.0 CNR 1 Beijing -1730* *2000-2230* Chinese
4500.0 CNR 8 Urumqi -1800* *0000- // 7935 excl. 0000, 1430, 1700
4620.0 CNR 2 Hohhot? h 1450 *2150- Chinese
4750.0 Hailar? h 1430 (*2150-2400*) h 2300 Mongolian? very weak
4785.0 Hohhot? h 1430 *2150- h English Lesson 2200, 2300: Mongolian?
4800.0 CNR 1 -1730* *2000-2400* h 1345; strong 2100
4815.0 CRI Togtoh -1600* *2300- h always in Russian
4839.9 Harbin? (-1440*) (*2055-0600*) h 2205; very weak;
4850.0 CNR 2 Beijing *2100-
4883.0 CRI Hohhot (*1200-1600*) h 1330; weak; Russian
4905.0 Lhasa -1700* *2250- 2300:CNR 4 IS; Tibetan; always // 4920, 5240
4920.0 Lhasa -1700* *2250- Tibetan; // 4905, 5240
4980.0 Urumqi -1800* *0000- h 1340; Uighur?
4990.0 Gangsha? (*2125-) h 2225; Chinese; fq = 4990.04
5010.0 CNR 2 Beijing h 1445 *2100-
5030.0 CNR 1 Beijing -1730* *2000-
5039.9 Fuzhou (-1215*) (*2300-) h 2230: CNR 1 news
5050.0 Nanning? h 2320 in Vietnamese?
5060.0 Urumqi -1800* *0000- h 1340; Chinese
5090.0 CNR 5 (*0955-0005*) for TWN; h 1515, 1800, 2320
5240.0 Lhasa -1700* *2250- Tibetan; // 4905, 4920
5320.0 CNR 1 Beijing (-1615*) (*2000-0030*) h 2240; weak
5420.0 CNR 4 Beijing (-1300*) (*2130-2300*) h 2240; Chinese; weak

All times in brackets () are listed times.

Times without brackets are times when the stations were heard.

CNR = China National Radio (domestic services)

CRI = China Radio International (foreign service)

h = heard *2000 = sign on 1730* = sign off

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Receiver: AOR AR-7030 Antenna: 80 m LW

GOOD DX, (Karel Honzik, the Czech Republic (Czechia), Nov 25, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** UKRAINE. Re DXLD 1-181: 11720 and 15520 would be Khar`kiv-Taranivka, but the main power supply is still interrupted there due to unpaid bills. So only 11825 from Brovary is on air at this time, beaming towards Kazakhstan, but seemingly nobody at RRT bothers to create a more convenient schedule. (RRT is the Ukrainian transmitter company; they are responsible for the frequency schedules, not RUI itself.) (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Nov 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. 11/12 1135 BROADCASTING COUP FOR COMPASS CATERERS

By Graeme Evans, City Staff, PA News

BBC staff were today promised "a menu with a difference" after catering group Compass clinched a contract worth up to 150 million [pounds? pence? farthings?]. The BBC canteen --- made famous by on-air comments from presenters --- will offer brands such as Upper Crust and Caffè Ritazza as well as an extended range of meals.

The ten-year deal secured by Eurest - a subsidiary of Compass - will provide a round-the-clock service to 20,000 staff at 20 sites in London and Scotland. Compass said the contract was worth up to 150 million in turnover and added to arrangements with blue-chip companies, including BT and Lloyds TSB.

The Surrey-based company already provides services at the BBC but has extended that through Land Securities, the property company which has secured the contract to provide services to the BBC's London and Scotland estate. Compass chief executive Michael Bailey said Eurest would "transform" the service experienced by the BBC's staff.

He added: "We are looking forward to serving up a menu with a difference for the 20,000 BBC workforce." Other brands set to be introduced include Ixxy's Bagels and Taste! Sandwiches, while the 11 traditional tea bars at BBC's Television Centre will give way to more convenience-led outlets (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. Haven't heard [Dr Gene Scott] lately. He used to rent lots of time on VOR's Siberian transmitters. You know, the big

media problem the US has in Asia isn't that al-Jazira is too independent or that VOA isn't propagandistic enough, it's that people like Dr. Scott and assorted Protestant fundamentalists portray America too accurately (Lester Ness, China, Nov 26, swprograms via DXLD)

Lester, I would roundly dispute that last remark. "Dr. Scott and Protestant fundamentalists" (your description) may want you (and me) to believe that, but nothing could be further from the truth. The truth is far more complex (John Figliozi, ibid.)

But only 5 percent of Americans have passports, i.e. are allowed for foreign travel. In Asia, you listen to vernacular radio, that is your view of the world. So FEBA, CV, TWR are on the air longer, more hours than VoA, BBC. Try listening to a foreign broadcast during the day overseas and it is evangelism.

Since the pattern of media, TV radio, press, is different, giving priority to talking heads, visitors to America perk up at, not the incomprehensible "entertainment" shows but Talking heads. So the Sunday morning Washington D.C. stuff, and evangelists on radio or TV are what seem authoritative. Europeans, and Canadians, find it weird that over 50 percent of Americans go to church, and 90 percent believe in God. Weird! (Daniel Say, BC, ibid.)

** U S A [and non]. MeasureCast Internet Radio Top 25 Has New Leader: WQXR-FM, Classical Station of The New York Times Business Wire; Nov 13, 2001 PORTLAND, Ore.--(ENTERTAINMENT WIRE)-- Nov. 13, 2001--

Seventh Consecutive Week of Internet Radio Audience Growth

MeasureCast, Inc., the first company to provide Internet radio broadcasters with next-day streaming audience size and demographics data, today reported that the MeasureCast Weekly Top 25(TM) ranking of Internet radio stations has a new leader - WQXR-FM, the classical station of The New York Times.

MeasureCast also reported that the MeasureCast Internet Radio Index(TM), which tracks listening to streaming radio stations, rose one percent to 329 during the week of October 29 - November 4 - the seventh consecutive week of increases. Listening to stations measured by MeasureCast has more than tripled since January.

WQXR-FM: Top Internet Radio Streamer:

WQXR-FM became the number one Internet radio station for the week ending Nov. 4 by streaming 290,699 hours to 11,843 people. The number

two station, and the previous week's chart topper - jazzfm.com - streamed 189,948 hours to 76,422 people. MEDIAmazing.com won third place with 153,293 hours streamed to 53,537 people. MeasureCast stations are ranked by TTSL (total time spent listening).

Founded in 1936, WQXR-FM was the first commercial classical music radio station in the United States, and since 1944 it has been owned and operated by The New York Times Company. WQXR is a 24-hour classical music station that includes news highlights, and features and reviews by New York Times correspondents.

"We have always been on the cutting edge of technological innovation," said Tom Bartunek, President and General Manager, WQXR. "The first FM stereo tests were done with WQXR, and our AM outlet was the first AM stereo station in New York. Today we're on the cutting edge again by streaming our quality classical music to the world."

The top four classical music stations measured by MeasureCast (and their total number of hours streamed) are: WQXR-FM (290,699 hours); KING-FM (124,682); Cablemusic Networks Classical (23,686); and WCPE-FM (19,067).

The MeasureCast Weekly Top 25(TM) (Monday, Oct. 29 - Sunday, Nov. 4, 2001) Total TSL(1) (in Cume LW TW Station Format Owner/Network URL hours) Persons(2)

NEW 1 WQXR-FM/96.3 Classical The New York 290,699 11,843 (New York)
Times <http://www.wqxr.com>

1 2 JazzFM/102.2 FM Jazz jazzfm.com / 189,948 76,422 & 100.4 FM
ejazz.fm (London) <http://www.jazzfm.com>

2 3 MEDIAmazing Listener MEDIAmazing 153,293 53,537 (Internet-only)
Formatted <http://www.mediamazing.com>

3 4 Virgin Radio/1215 Adult Virgin Radio 133,052 29,336 AM & 105.8 FM
Alternative New Media (London) <http://www.virginradio.co.uk>

4 5 KING-FM/98.1 Classical Classic Radio 124,682 23,054 (Seattle)
Inc. Real Broadcast Networks <http://www.king.org>

5 6 ESPN Radio Sports Talk The Walt Disney 118,824 20,630
(Internet-only) Internet Group <http://www.espnradio.com>

6 7 Radio Margaritaville Classic Rock Radio 60,348 10,654
(Internet-only) Margaritaville <http://www.radiomargaritaville.com>

9 8 WFXZ-FM/93.7 Classic Rock Sea-Comm Media / 56,707 7,937

(Wilmington, NC) Warp Radio <http://www.937thebone.com>

41 9 The Tom Joyner News / Talk ABC Radio 43,231 8,725 Morning Show
Networks (Dallas) <http://www.tjms.com>

7 10 KCRW-FM/89.9 College Santa Monica 42,030 9,101 (Los Angeles)
College <http://www.kcrw.org>

8 11 Cablemusic Smooth Jazz Cablemusic.com 37,192 6,125 Jazz
(Internet-only) <http://www.cablemusic.com>

11 12 WSB-AM/750 News / Talk Cox Radio, Inc. / 37,008 6,372 (Atlanta)
StreamAudio <http://www.wsbradio.com>

10 13 WBLS-FM/107.5 Urban R & B Inner City 35,831 3,711 (New York)
Broadcasting / BroadcastURBAN <http://www.wblsi.com>

12 14 3WK Alternative 3WK 34,580 8,789 Undergroundradio Rock
(Internet-only) <http://www.3wk.com>

16 15 Cablemusic Country Country Cablemusic.com 31,463 6,203
(Internet-only) <http://www.cablemusic.com>

15 16 XACT Radio Miscellaneous XACT Radio 31,228 4,307 (Internet-
only) Networks <http://www.xactradio.com>

14 17 BeOnAir Rock Rock BeOnAir.com 30,894 4,366 (Internet-only)
<http://www.rock.beonair.com>

18 18 KRLA-AM/870 News/Talk Salem 28,456 5,441 (Los Angeles)
Communications <http://www.krla870.com>

17 19 Cablemusic Top 40 CHR / Cablemusic.com 25,808 6,459
(Internet-only) Top 40 <http://www.cablemusic.com>

13 20 Alice New Media Miscellaneous Alice 25,180 4,319 (Internet-
only) New Media <http://www.aliceonair.com>

27 21 WEEI-AM/850 AM Sports Radio Entercom / 24,057 4,634 (Boston)
StreamAudio <http://www.weei.com>

45 22 Cablemusic Classical Cablemusic.com 23,686 5,286 Classical
(Internet-only) <http://www.cablemusic.com>

21 23 Cablemusic Top 40 Adult Cablemusic.com 22,790 5,122 Adult
Contemporary (Internet-only) <http://www.cablemusic.com>

20 24 Virgin Radio Classic Rock Virgin Radio 21,476 5,042 Classic New

Media (Internet-only) [no URL given]

World Reporter All Material Subject to Copyright (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** U S A. Television Radio --- Deal Tunes Out Static at WBAI

The two-year battle between WBAI's parent Pacifica Foundation and dissidents who think the current management of both 'BAI and Pacifica should be replaced for taking things in the wrong direction may have been resolved by a compromise that so far seems to suit both sides.

The majority of the current Pacifica board and the dissidents each will appoint five members to a new Pacifica board. The Local Advisory Boards (LABs) of the five Pacifica stations will appoint one member each.

The agreement doesn't address programming, but reportedly would allow for the repatriation of at least some staffers fired at WBAI over the last year. It also would put Amy Goodman's "Democracy Now" back on the air (David Hinckley, New York Daily News, Original Publication Date: 11/24/01 via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

Dear All -- Many people have emailed to ask me my thoughts about the Pacifica National Board meeting last weekend. Due to a death in the family I was away from home all week and this is my first opportunity to respond. On November 17th the Pacifica Board of Directors, with 9 out of 15 directors present and voting, adopted a resolution that all the directors would submit their resignations & the board would be reconstituted by 5 members chosen by the board majority, 5 members chosen by the board "dissidents", and 5 members chosen by the 5 local station advisory boards ("LABs"). This would be called a "transition board" and would require a 2/3rds majority vote to take any "major" actions. ("Major" was not defined.) The "transition board" would be required to hold elections of new LABs by the listener-sponsors in each station area on a timetable to be determined, and to address issues concerning the station managers, the fired & banned staff at WBAI, Democracy Now!, the Pacifica Network News stringers' strike.

My thoughts are that it is very uncertain at this point whether the PNB "resolution" will be ratified by the board members who were not there. The board does not have the legal authority to compel the resignations of those who don't agree. If the resolution does take effect, there are numerous problems with it. Much remains to be seen. The lawsuits, however, are NOT settled by this board resolution -- and numerous legal and financial issues are still outstanding. We cannot rely upon a board "resolution" -- we must have legally binding

court orders, not just promises, to democratize and return Pacifica to its mission at all five stations.

There are serious issues at all 5 Pacifica stations -- serious financial issues, serious management issues, serious issues of programming, serious personnel issues, serious issues of governance structure -- I am particularly displeased with a board that requires a 2/3rds majority vote in order to resolve any of these issues. We are pressing forward with our aggressive deposition schedule & preparing for trial in January. We also filed a motion for contempt this week against the board majority defendants due to their failure to post the court ordered bond to cover their attorneys' fees that have been advanced by Pacifica.

Your continued financial support is needed and appreciated -- see below for information how to support the listeners' lawsuit. Pacifica Means Peace. Thanks, (Carol Spooner, Committee to Remove the Pacifica Board (sponsoring the "listeners' lawsuit") web page:
<http://home.pon.net/wildrose/remove.htm> via gail blasie, DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. SPECIAL Marconi transmission via AWR. As confirmed by Mr Jeff White of WRMI, Lesea Broadcasting (KWHR, etc.) has confirmed that they will broadcast the Marconi special program. It will be on Dec. 12th, rather than the following weekend during Cumbre DX. Time(s) and frequency(ies) for this broadcast(s) are still awaited. Also Dr. Adrian Peterson has confirmed that AWR has agreed to broadcast this program as Wave Scan no. 366 on Sunday December 30. Greetings! (Swopan Chakroborty, Kolkata, India, GRDXC via DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. On last night's "Allan Weiner Worldwide", Allan mentioned that he persuaded the Shortwave Store <http://www.usa.shortwavestore.com> to carry the Sony car radio w/shortwave (XR-CA620X). The price is \$229, which is about the same as I paid with shipping from Jacky's in Dubai. The radio is well worth it, Tina and I listen to it several hours per day while we're on the road. It is sensitive enough, the only annoyance is the lack of coverage at the lower end of the 31m band. Allan also said that anyone mentioning WBCQ will get free shipping (Dan Lewis, WBCQ Webmster, Nov 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Subject: I beg your pardon!

Re The Media Mind, DXLD 1-181:

I run a *maildrop* at PO Box 1, Belfast, NY 14711, and that address is also the HDQ for The ACE pirate listening club.

It is obvious that you're not "up" on the pirate scene, and there's

really no excuse for that. Anyone who would publicly name a pirate Operator is a moron and should not be trusted. The only other person who has done so (Radio Bob) is now an outcast in the hobby. I guess we'll have to add you to that short list.

I shouldn't even give you this hint, but TIER isn't within several hundred miles of me! I expect to see a retraction and appology ASAP. (John T. Arthur, Nov 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

John, This may seem a minor point to you, but it was not I who speculated you were a certain pirate, but author Loren Cox, who wrote the piece. I am sorry that this offended you. It does seem to me anyone has the right to speculate about the identity of any pirate, just as we speculate about the backers and location of political clandestines. And a non-pirate also has the right to deny it. I will be glad to publish your denial. I myself have no idea which pirates you personally may or may not have operated, nor do I care. Just because you run a maildrop does not mean you are *not* TIER, as you seem to posit.

There certainly is an excuse for my not being 'up' on the pirate scene, and that is that I find the whole thing rather infantile and boring, with some notable exceptions; however the subject will certainly come up from time to time in my publications as it just did. Take it easy. P.S.: BTW, I almost deleted your message unread as it looked like spam. Better rethink your subject lines (Glenn to John T. Arthur) [and we have inserted his objection into 1-181 archive]

Subject: Publish my denial... my @\$\$...

You will publish a retraction and appology. There was no basis for whoever's statement that TIER was "me". And it doesn't matter who wrote the ariticle. You are responsible for the content of your publication. It shows a total lack of understanding of the pirate scene. Maybe some pirates don't measure up to your NPR standard, but many (if not most) are far more creative than anything educational radio could ever come up with.

No self-respecting "name" DXer would have published that accusation to begin with. Nobody in the pirate scene will ever have anything to do with you again. Pirates "childish"? Maybe. I guess you've never bothered to listen to any of them. Many are very professional, unlike you and your publications. [John T. Arthur, unsigned, DX LISTENING DIGEST]

Dear John, I had already inserted an item about your denying this, in the archive DXLD 1-181 on my website, if you care to take a look at it again. Your previous remarks are in the pipeline for the next

issue which will probably come out shortly.

You really know how to influence people with your continuing insults and threats. I was quite prepared to take you at your word about your not being TIER or involved in pirate radio beyond listening and maildropping, but it now seems to me that you protest *too* much. But if you are not TIER, you couldn't possibly be busted for that, so what's the big problem?

As for the merits of pirate radio per se, I am glad to publish tips about well-done programming, whatever the source.

Did it ever occur to you that instead of being an ``accusation`` Cox could have been paying you a compliment as the supposed producer of the TIER programming, not necessarily the transmitter? Anyone who heckled Major Steve is OK in my book. I understand that a lot of pirate producers let others take the risks of actual transmission.

Let me assure you that I have not had and do not have any axe to grind with you. The opinions expressed by contributors to DXLD are their own, standard disclaimer, etc. 73, Glenn (to Arthur)

Hi Glenn: Regarding ** U S A [clandestine]. UPR: see THE MEDIA MIND by Loren Cox, The article said that apparently T.I.E.R. (Take It Easy Radio) is John T. Arthur. Actually, John Arthur is just the maildrop operator for T.I.E.R., as well as several other pirate/free radio stations that also use Box 1, Belfast, NY, 14711. (...my guess is that Loren Cox is about 100 or so miles closer to T.I.E.R.'s xmtr than to Belfast NY, and in the opposite direction) 73 (Niel Wolfish, Free Radio Weekly, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** URUGUAY. 6010.37 kHz, NUEVA FRECUENCIA, Emisora Ciudad de Montevideo, 1353-1415+, Nov 25, con cxs [comentarios?] sobre el "Carnaval" en el programa "Rememorando"; a las 1355 avisos comerciales, entre otros de: Sanitaria El Hornero, La Favorita, Atlas, Restaurante Panamericano, Ferretería Martín, Confitería La "pera, Motores Eléctricos Ltda., Tipoy, etc. A las 1401 ID "En su receptor, CX42, Emisoras Ciudad de Montevideo, Uruguay, transmitiendo en 1360 kHz, la frecuencia que se sintoniza con mayor frecuencia" y luego "Por CX42, Emisoras Ciudad de Montevideo, el Carnaval y su gente, "Rememorando"", y luego comentarios sobre el tema por locutor. SINPO: 35443. Nada en la ex-frecuencia de 9650 kHz. 73's (Gabriel Iván Barrera, Argentina, Conexión Digital via DXLD) Cf DXLD 1-177

UNIDENTIFIED. 6900.04, (presumed) Meteoroloji Sesi Radyosu from Turkey, 0441 NOV 25, Mideastern music, audio with very deep bass, fair signal strength. Did not spend much time on this, so got no ID. I know this is not much of a logging, but significant for NAM DXers,

since this is so irregular. 0400-0500 is a very nice time propagation wise from Turkey on this freq, for USA listeners (David Hodgson, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST) previous 4866 unID: see FRANCE ###